(iii) Separate Police narcotics cell has been created with centre at Bangalore.

Merger of Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. with Shipping Corporation of India

@@1678. Shri ASHISH SEN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to merge the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited with Shipping Corporation of India Limited to protect the huge amount of money advanced to it;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Smuggling of Weapons along the coastal lines

1679. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Statesman of 4th February, 1993 under the caption "Customs wake upto ISI arms flow";

(b) if so, what are the fact in this regard;

(c) whether in fact inspite of alert sounded by the marine wing of the Customs the Intelligence Services, Customs, DRI failed to intercept the weapon consignments smuggled into the country along the coastal lines of Bombay, Konkan and South Goa;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what preventive measures Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (e) Government is aware of the news item. The Customs formations on the West Coast were suitably alerted. However, available reports do not indicate such landings of firearms.

Non-Refund of Money by Companies

1680. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of complaints lodged with SEBI with regard to non-refund of share money to non-allottees by the defaulting companies specially Aashi Pharmaceuticals Limited, Gujarat Ambuja Exports Limited and Everest Cement Limited, during the last year; and

(b) in which manner Government propose to redress the grievance of non-allottees in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) During the last year, SEBI received a total number of 2,18,838 complaints on account of non-receipt of refund orders/allotment advices. The number of complaints pertaining to non-receipt of Refund Orders received by

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1189, transferred from 3rd March, 1993.